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In re Application of: ) Art Unit: 1642 #16  
Dalit BARKAN et al ) Examiner: K. Canella fm  
Appln. No.: 09/403,897 ) Washington, D.C.  
Filed: February 22, 2000 ) May 7, 2002  
For: LEPTIN AS AN INHIBITOR OF ) Atty. Docket: BARKAN=2  
TUMOR CELL PROLIFERATION ) 5/14/02

**RESPONSE**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present communication is responsive to the official action of October 19, 2001. In the decision on petition dated March 23, 2002, the period for reply to the official action mailed October 19, 2001, was restarted as of January 7, 2002. Thus, the present response is being timely filed with the payment of a one-month extension of time fee.

Claims 2-9 and 28-39 presently appear in this case.

Claim 35 has been allowed. The remaining claims have been rejected. The official action of October 19, 2001, has now been carefully studied. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully urged.

Briefly, the present invention relates to a method for treating tumors in mammals or for inhibiting tumor cell

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